

The Montana Mental Health Access Plan Section 1115 Demonstration Proposal was disapproved on September 13, 1995 for the following reasons:

- It would not have provided a comprehensive range of services to the expansion population, that is, the expansion population would not be eligible to receive physical health benefits under the demonstration; and
- It would have shifted the costs of state-funded mental health services to the Federal Government."

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments)

Dated: January 23, 1997.

Barbara Cooper,

*Acting Director, Office of Research and Demonstrations.*

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## Health Resources and Services Administration

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 35, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program: Forms—0915-0034—Extension, no change—This clearance request is for extension of approval for four HEAL forms: the Lender's Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance (used by lenders to make application to the HEAL insurance program); the Lender's Manifest (used by the lender to report recent HEAL loan activity); the Loan Transfer Statement (used by the lender to report the transfer of a HEAL loan); and the Borrower Status Request (completed by the borrower and the borrower's employer and used by the lender to determine eligibility for deferment). The reports assist the Department in protecting its investment in this loan insurance program. No changes to the forms are proposed.

The estimate of burden for the forms are as follows:

HRSA form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Lender's Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance .....	32	1	32	8 min .....	4
Lender's Manifest .....	9	331	2,975	5 min .....	248
Loan Transfer Statement .....	32	265	8,480	10 min .....	1,413
Borrower Status Request:					
Borrowers .....	12,180	1	12,180	10 min .....	2,030
Employers .....	7,550	1.613	12,180	5 min .....	1,015
Total .....	19,762	1.81	35,847	8 min .....	4,710

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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### Program Announcement for Contracts for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program for Fiscal Year 1997

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications for contracts for fiscal year

(FY) 1997, for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) are now being accepted under section 738(a) of the Public Health Service Act (The Act).

In FY 1997, approximately \$800,000 is available for competing applications for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program. It is expected that 25 contracts averaging \$32,000 (\$15,000 per year for two years) will be supported with these funds.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP), authorized by section 738(a), is to attract disadvantaged health professionals into faculty positions in accredited health professions schools. The program

provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professions personnel from disadvantaged backgrounds who will serve as members of the faculties of those schools. The FLRP is directed at those individuals available to serve immediately or within a short time as "new" full-time faculty members. Loan repayment may be provided only for an individual who has *not* been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for a repayment contract (i.e., "new" faculty).

Section 738(b) makes available grants and contracts with schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, health administration, clinical